

Jiggle Butt's 10th anniversary was fun with something for everyone

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Magaly Soto

The Jiggle Butt Run in Arlington is celebrating its 10th year and the event appears to be growing bigger and better every year, a testament to the many hours of hard work put in by an excellent organization committee.

This year, participation in the female-only event on Jan. 9 topped the 2,000 mark and attracted some of the fastest ladies in the Metroplex. Conditions were not the best and runners had to contend with cold temperatures, wind and a couple of



"We Sweat Glitter" team



hills as well as a slightly long course. Organizers explained this might be due to last minute changes they were forced to make to the route to accommodate local businesses and construction projects.

Leading the field and defending her overall title was Magaly Soto of Arlington, who clocked a 19:48 while the Masters title went to Cora Turner, who finished, a minute later in 20:48.

Some other impressive times include those of 11-year-old Natalie Nohinek, who covered the course in 23:09, and 65-year-old Poksu Binger, whose 23:47 was 12 minutes ahead of the next winner in her age group. Poksu, incidentally, beat all the women in the 30-34 age group, 40-44 year age group, 45-49 age group, 55-59 age group and the 60-64 age group. She has been running some amazing times recently and is currently in first place in the Rock and Roll Half marathon series in her age division.

As well as age group awards organizers also awarded team prizes -- everything from the fastest to the largest to the most creatively dressed. One team, cutely named "We Sweat Glitter" included teachers from Key Elementary School in Arlington, who were running in honor of a fellow teacher who was recently diagnosed with breast cancer.

The post race refreshments are probably the most impressive offered by any race in the Metroplex. For runners wishing to replace all the calories they'd lost in the race, there were bundt cakes, bagels and pizza while those who preferred a healthier breakfast enjoyed coffee, oatmeal and energy bars.

Last year, organizers donated approximately \$30,000 to Safe Haven in Arlington. This year they hope to make a similar donation.

